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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: ARCHITECTURE FOR AN ANONYMOUS  
TRADING SYSTEM

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT  
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated October 7, 2005, Applicants provisionally elect, subject to the traversal arguments set forth below, Group I (claims 1-29). The associated species election is discussed in the remarks below:

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.

**FEE CALCULATION**

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	31	- 31 =	0	X 50.00	\$0.00
Independent	3	- 3** =	0	X 200.00	\$0.00
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TOTAL					\$0.00

\*not less than 20

\*\* not less than 3

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